



DATE: September 8, 2014

AGENDA ITEM # 3

TO: Environmental Commission

FROM: J. Logan, Staff Liaison

SUBJECT: Climate Action Plan and Community Choice Aggregation feasibility study

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive information regarding Community Choice Aggregation (CCA)

BACKGROUND

On December 10, 2013, Council adopted the City of Los Altos Climate Action Plan (CAP) and set forth activities to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, prepare an emissions inventory update, once data for 2013 is available, and to direct staff to provide a status update in mid-2014.

On July 8, 2013, the Environmental Commission received a special presentation by Gerald Glaser on the Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) as one of the methodology to reduce GHG emissions in accordance with the CAP.

DISCUSSION

Commissioner Hedden spoke as a citizen at the Council meeting on May 27, 2014 and encouraged Council to look into the feasibility of joining local agencies, namely, the Cities of Mountain View and Sunnyvale that are forming a feasibility study to explore CCAs. Council noted the CCA item as a future agenda item. City staff is exploring information about the CCA feasibility study and has contacted other local agencies staff for updates.

At the June 9, 2014 Environmental Commission meeting, the Commission discussed the CCA feasibility study, and assigned the CCA subcommittee, composed of Commissioners Eyre, Bray and Chair Hedden, to engage in further study of the issue and to prepare a presentation for Council. The subcommittee arranged for Margaret Bruce, independent consultant with Business for Clean Energy, to give a presentation at the July 14, 2014 Environmental Commission meeting to provide an overview and information about CCAs and to answer questions.

At the August 11, 2014 Environmental Commission meeting, Dustin Clark, Sustainability Coordinator, City of Sunnyvale, provided a presentation and answered questions about the Sunnyvale CCA feasibility study.

Environmental Commissioners will discuss if next steps are needed with respect to the feasibility study with City of Sunnyvale.